

PVC SMALL GROUPS  
**DARING FAITH**

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## **CONNECT**

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This is our second week of a short two-week Daring Faith Update focusing on the PEACE plan and the Global Giants. This week, we take a look at the PEACE plan, and Jesus' challenge to follow His teaching and example to implement the plan.

What do you think of when you hear the word "Missionary"? Do you know a missionary? If so, do you know why they went to where they are?

## **DISCOVER**

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The passage we'll look at this week helps us to have a broader view of what God has called us to individually and as a church.

Read Acts 1:8 and then answer a few questions together.

- What does it mean for us to be "witnesses" for Jesus?
- Why do we need power from the Holy Spirit to be witnesses for Jesus?
- The disciples started in Jerusalem (The city they were in, with people they knew). Then they would be witnesses Judea (Locally, including their state with their same culture), and they would be witnesses in Samaria (Locally, a nearby state but Culturally different, which they avoided). If you are unfamiliar with the area, you might have someone open a map in the back of someone's Bible and have a look at where Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria are/were. Why might Jesus have identified these areas as places they would take His message to?
- What do you think the disciples understood "to the end of the earth" to mean?

## **GROW**

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**BIG IDEA:** Every church is called into the mission and the mission is needed among all peoples.

### **The PEACE Plan**

Plant Churches

Equip Servant Leaders

Assist the Poor

Care for the Sick

Educate the Next Generation

- Which of these five areas is most interesting to you, and which area do you feel least qualified to help in?

We describe fulfilling our role in the **PEACE** Plan as “Living on Mission” and we equip for this in Growth Track: Step 4. Being *on mission* happens in three areas:

**“Jerusalem” – Personally** - Is among our sphere of influence such as our family, neighbors, friends, co-workers, schoolmates, etc.

**“Judea and Samaria” – Locally** – Is our local community as well as among people of different culture locally and nearby. For PVC, this includes Christmas outreach events like Toys and More Project and Buckeye Christmas Cause and more.

**“Ends of the Earth” – Globally** – Is to people groups with no church or church planting initiatives. For PVC, this includes Haiti and Côte d'Ivoire

- How can the P.E.A.C.E. Plan impact the Global Giants of Spiritual Emptiness, Self-Centered Leadership, Poverty, Disease, and Illiteracy?

To more fully understand God’s plan for using us as instruments of PEACE, read 2 Corinthians 5:18 as a group.

*“And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him.”*

- Why might God want you to be on mission in each of these areas?
- How does it make you feel that God has given you a role in bringing people back to Himself?



## **NEXT STEPS**

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- What is one thing you can do this week in your “Personal” sphere of influence to move someone toward Christ?
  
- Pray about areas God might be calling you to serve in (locally and/or globally). Share the results of those prayers with your group so they can encourage you and support you in taking the steps God calls you to take.